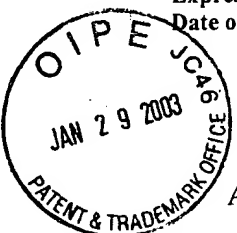


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated July 29, 2002 in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on January 29, 2003. A check in the amount of \$930.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 20363-004. A duplicate copy of this Transmittal is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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